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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Economic Research Area, ORR
FROM : Chief, Intelligence Production Staff, SI
SUBJECT : Soviet Massive Engineering Projects

1. In preliminary thinking for our Research and Production Program for FY 1961 we are considering projects which will look at certain Soviet massive engineering efforts. The specific projects are, a) melting of Arctic ice, b) construction of a Bering Strait dam, c) construction of a Sakhalin-Mainland dam and d) changing the course of rivers flowing to the Arctic Ocean. An attempt would be made to assess the scientific feasibility of such projects, determining the new engineering problems to be overcome and estimating whether these are realistic projects.

2. We would be interested to know whether or not ORR intends to look into any of these areas. 25X1A9a

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